

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Examiner : Zachary C. Tucker  
Group Art Unit : 1624  
Applicants : Roger D. Tung et al.  
Application No. : 10/607,716 Confirmation No. : 7621  
Filed : June 27, 2003  
For : INHIBITORS OF SERINE PROTEASES,  
PARTICULARLY HEPATITIS C VIRUS NS3  
PROTEASE

Palo Alto, California 94301  
August 27, 2007

Mail Stop Amendment  
Hon. Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Sir:

This is in response to the February 27, 2007 Office Action in the above-identified application. Applicants submit concurrently herewith a Petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) and authorization to charge the fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(3) to extend the time for filing this reply for three months, up to and including August 27, 2007. Accordingly, this reply is timely filed.

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS begin on page 2 of this paper.

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